Tree removal and clearing in Newberg to begin along OR 99W, OR 219, and Springbrook Road

NEWBERG—A contractor working for the Oregon Department of Transportation will begin clearing areas of brush and removing many small trees and a few large trees over the next weeks along OR 99W, Springbrook Road, OR 219, and Wilsonville Road near Springbrook Road. This work is in preparation for construction of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass section along Springbrook Road between OR 99W and OR 219 in Newberg.

Travelers can expect some delays while crews perform clearing activities Monday, February 15 through Thursday, February 18. Travelers should be prepared for:

- A westbound lane closure on OR 99W, one block east to one block west of Springbrook Road between 9–11:30 a.m. and 1–3:30 p.m., and

- Eastbound and westbound shoulder closures on OR 219, between Wynooski Road and Springbrook Road between 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

ODOT works closely with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to meet tree and shrub clearing rules to avoid impacts to ground, brush, and tree nesting birds. Neighbors will notice considerable clearing work the week of February 15 based on guidelines provided by state wildlife experts. Trees removed later in the season are inspected and monitored for nesting activity.

As part of the project, ODOT is required to replant trees that will help provide wildlife habitat and other benefits. ODOT has been working closely with Chehalem Parks and Recreation District to replace the loss of trees and shrubs in critical habitat locations. ODOT is also helping to restore wetland areas around Hess Creek. Some of the larger logs from trees being removed now will be placed in the creek and wetland areas to enhance fish habitat opportunities in the creek.

The new Bypass project will extend from OR 99W at Springbrook Road on the east, through OR 219 and extend to OR 99W south of Dundee. The project is on schedule to be completed in late 2017.

For more information on the Newberg-Dundee Bypass Project, visit www.newbergdundee.org

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